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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCIER APPEALS AN ORDER FREEZING HIS FINANCIAL ASSETS

Classified By: POL/ECON CHIEF MARY DALY, FOR REASONS  
1.4 (B), (D)

¶1. (U) On October 24, the Irish Times (newspaper of record) reported that Bin Muhammad Ayadi Chafiq will make an appeal on October 25 to the European Court of Justice for the release of his bank accounts. According to the report, Ayadi Chafiq, a Bosnian national born in Tunis, is named on a European Commission list of Al-Qaeda financiers. His appeal charges EU authorities with acting illegally and infringing his human rights by freezing his financial assets.

¶2. (U) According to the report, Ayadi Chafiq is one of 17 individuals who have had their assets frozen within the EU, and the only person on the list living in Ireland who is linked directly with Osama Bin Laden. The article added that Ayadi Chafiq lost an earlier appeal in August 2002 at the European Court of First Instance. The current appeal charges that the EU regulation enforcing the freezing of bank accounts infringes on fundamental principles of EU law and that it should be up to individual member states to set the rules regarding assets freezing rather than the EU.

¶3. (S) According to SIMO colleagues, Ayadi Chafiq is a known extremist operating in Ireland.

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